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REF: (A) SANAA 1249; (B) STATE 138643; (C) SANAA 1296;

1. P A ESTIMATESFOR PLANNING PURPOSES ONLY FOR ITEMS
LISTED IN REF A ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. AMMUNITION (FMS CASE IDENTIFIER PAB)

(1) 7.62 LINK (FOR USE IN M-60 MACHINE GUN ONLY)

4 BALL/1 SPACE TRACER .11 DOL PER ROUND FEDERAL
STOCK NUMBER (FSN) 1305-A-131

(2) CAL .30 M2 CLIPPED (FOR M-1 RIFLE) .09 DOL PER
ROUND FSN 1305A216

(3) CAL. 30 4 BALL/1 TRACER BELTED .09 DOL PER
ROUND FSN 1305A218

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(4) (CAL. 50 4 BALL/1 TRACER FOR M2MG .58 DOL PER

ROUND FSN 1305A577

- (5) ROCKET HEAT 3.5" M28A1 22.27 DOLS EA FSN
1340H600
- (6) SHELL 81MM MORTAR HE M374A1 18.42 DOLS EA FSN
1315C256
- (7) GRENADE FRAGMENTATION M67 W/FUZE 213 1.68 DOLS
EA FSN 13306881

B. WEAPONS (FMS CASE IDENTIFIER PAA)

- (1) MG CAL .50 M2 W/MOUNT M3 1095.00 DOLS EA

FSN 1005-322-9715 AND 1005-322-9716.

- (2) MG CAL .30 M191A6 W/MOUNT 431 DOLS EA FSN
1005-611-6005 AND 1005-322-9718
- (3) LAUNCHER ROCKET 3.5" (BAZOOKA) M20A1B1
80.80 DOLS EACH FSN 1055-840-1 1842.
- (4) MORTAR 81MM M29A1 4,400 DOLS EA FSN 1015-
999-7794
- (5) MORTAR 75MM - NOT A U.S. ARMY ITEM

C. ALL ITEMS SHOWN ABOVE EXCEPT B (5) CAN BE MADE
IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE FOR AIR SHIPMENT UPON ACCEPTANCE OF
LETTERS OF OFFER (L/O'S) SHOULD PRIORITY WARRANT. ALL
WEAPONS WOULD BE REBUILT. ESTIMATED COSTS DO NOT
INCLUDE TRANSPORTATION OR OTHER ACCESSORIAL CHARGES FOR
SUCH ITEMS AS PACKING, CRATING, HANDLING, AND ADMINIS-
TRATIVE CHARGES.

2. TRANSPORTATION DATA CANNOT BE ESTIMATED UNTIL YARG
DEFINES SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS, QUANTITIES AND LOCA-
TIONS FOR DELIVERY.

3. RE AMBASSADOR SUWEIDI'S QUERY ABOUT TRANSPORT
HELICOPTERS (SANAA 1296), WE AGREE ENTIRELY WITH USMTM
ASSESSMENT THAT INDEPENDENT HELICOPTER PROGRAM FOR YAR
NOT FEASIBLE. WE WONDER WHETHER DIFFICULTIES IN OPERAT-
ING AND SERVICING HELICOPTERS IN YEMEN, PARTICULARLY ON
SUCH SHORT NOTICE, MIGHT NOT BE JUST AS GREAT AS THOSE
INVOLVED IN OVERLAND TRANSPORT OF EQUIPMENT AND AMMO.
URGE THAT YOU DISCOURAGE SUWEIDI'S INTEREST IN PURCHASE
HELICOPTERS. FYI. ESTIMATED PRICES FOR NEW EQUIPMENT

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COULD RUN FROM ABOUT 3 MILLION DOLS EACH FOR A CH-47
TO 350,000 DOLS EACH FOR A UH-1 SERIES HELICOPTER,
DEPENDENT ON CONFIGURATION AND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT. LEAD
TIMES RANGE FROM ABOUT 18 - 24 MONTHS. END FYI. IN ANY
CASE HELICOPTERS FROM NEW PROCUREMENT CLEARLY NOT A
PRACTICAL MEANS MEET IMMEDIATE PROBLEM OF TRANSPORTATION
OF EMERGENCY SUPPLIES. IN SHORT WE BELIEVE HELICOPTER
SUPPLY, FROM ANY SOURCE, IS NOT FEASIBLE AT PRESENT FOR

YEMEN.

4. FOR SANAA: SALE TO YARG WOULD BE EFFECTED BY LETTER OF OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE (DD FORM 1513). NORMAL PROCEDURE IS TO FORWARD LETTER OF OFFER (L/O) TO COUNTRY BY CLASSIFIED POUCH. THIS WOULD REQUIRE WEEK OR MORE TRANSIT TIME. IT COULD BE QUICKER TO HAVE YAR AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON SIGN, BUT THIS WOULD REQUIRE AUTHORIZATION FROM HIS GOVERNMENT. SINCE YARG HAS HAD NO EXPERIENCE ON FMS MATTERS, IT MAY BE DESIRABLE TO SEND LETTER OF OFFER TO SANAA FOR REVIEW PRIOR TO SIGNATURE. ONCE LETTER OF OFFER IS SIGNED AND WASHINGTON INFORMED BY EMBASSY, SUPPLY ACTION COULD BE INITIATED IMMEDIATELY. REQUEST YOUR COMMENTS.

5. DEFINITIVE L/O CANNOT BE PREPARED UNTIL SPECIFIC DATA REQUESTED HAS BEEN OBTAINED, I.E. AMOUNTS AND TYPES OF AMMO TO BE SUPPLIED BY JORDAN, AND AMOUNTS AND TYPES OF REMAINING AMMO TO BE SUPPLIED BY U.S. THROUGH SAUDI ARABIA. RUSH

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